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**Pop Quiz**

I know why the caged bird sings

by Maya Angelou

A free bird leaps on the back

Of the wind and floats downstream

Till the current ends and dips his wing

In the orange suns rays

And dares to claim the sky.

But a BIRD that stalks down his narrow cage

Can seldom see through his bars of rage

His wings are clipped and his feet are tied

So he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings with a fearful trill

Of things unknown but longed for still

And his tune is heard on the distant hill for

The caged bird sings of freedom.

The free bird thinks of another breeze

And the trade winds soft through

The sighing trees

And the fat worms waiting on a dawn-bright

Lawn and he names the sky his own.

But a caged BIRD stands on the grave of dreams

His shadow shouts on a nightmare scream

His wings are clipped and his feet are tied

So he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings with

A fearful trill of things unknown

But longed for still and his

Tune is heard on the distant hill

For the caged bird sings of freedom.

1. How many stanzas does this poem contain?
2. What can you infer the word stalks means as it is used in line 6? (Complete sentence)
3. Write the subject of line 13 here:
4. Write the verb of line 13 here:
5. What is the author's attitude in this poem? (Complete sentence)
6. Highlight one example of sensory detail in yellow.
7. Highlight a prepositional phrase within lines 14-18 in pink.
8. Highlight 7 nouns in the last 5 lines of the poem in orange.
9. Describe the tone shifts that occur in this poem. (Complete sentences)
10. So, why does the caged bird sing? (Complete sentences)

Bonus (+5) Underline one example of personification.

Bonus (+5) Circle one example of alliteration.

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